

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY CARACAS  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6056  
INFO AMEMBASSY BRIDGETOWN  
AMCONSUL MARTINIQUE  
AMEMBASSY PANAMA

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DEPT FOR A/SY/FO AND ARA/MGT FROM RSO TELFORD

PANAMA FOR RSS AND OIC/RTC

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ASEC, ABLD, BB, MB  
SUBJECT: SECURITY PROTECTION AFFORDED PUBLIC ACCESS AREAS  
AT OVERSEAS POSTS

REF: NESS/TELFORD TELCON 12/20/76

1. ON DEC 17 I RETURNED TO CARACAS FOLLOWING TRIPS TO BRIDGE-TOWN AND MARTINIQUE WHERE SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY SURVEYS WERE CONDUCTED OF THE EMBASSY AND CONSULATE RESPECTIVELY.

2. THE FORMAL SURVEY REPORTS, WHICH WILL BE SUBMITTED SHORTLY, WILL NOT INCLUDE SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVING THE PHYSICAL SECURITY OF PUBLIC ACCESS AREAS IN BRIDGETOWN OR MARTINIQUE. SUCH RECOMMENDATIONS CANNOT BE FORMALIZED UNTIL SUCH TIME THAT A DECISION IS MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT PER THE FOLLOWING:

A. BRIDGETOWN - WILL THE CHANCERY REMAIN IN ITS PRESENT  
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LOCATION? WILL THE CONSULATE BE RELOCATED OUTSIDE OF THE CHANCERY OR WILL THE CONSULATE EXPAND INTERNALLY? IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT IF THE DECISION IS MADE TO EXPAND THE CONSULATE INTERNALLY, OUR PERSONNEL WILL NOT ONLY FACE SEVERE SPACE PROBLEMS FROM A MANAGEMENT VIEWPOINT BUT A DRASTIC SAFETY HAZARD FROM OVERCROWDING OF PERSONS WITH CONSULAR BUSINESS AND

SECURITY CONTROL PROBLEMS FOR THE MSGS. WITH THE PASSAGE OF THE RODINO BILL, DAILY VISA APPLICANTS WILL DOUBLE OR TRIPLE IN JANUARY 1977.

B. MARTINIQUE - IN DECEMBER 1975 THE FOREIGN SERVICE INSPECTORS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CONSULATE EXPAND AND TAKE OVER THE ENTIRE TOP FLOOR OF THE BUILDING NOW OCCUPIED. THE TENANT OCCUPYING THE POTENTIAL SPACE HAS AGREED TO RELOCATE TO VACANT SPACE ON THE FLOOR BELOW THE CONSULATE. COST ESTIMATES AND OTHER NECESSARY DATA HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO ARA/MGT.

DURING MY VISIT I LEARNED THAT IF A DECISION TO EXPAND IS NOT REACHED BY EARLY JANUARY 1977, THE POST WILL LOSE THIS OPPORTUNITY. ONE WAY OR THE OTHER ADVICE WOULD BE APPRECIATED. AT THE PRESENT TIME, OUR CONSULATE IN MARTINIQUE IS EXTREMELY VULNERABLE WITH NO, REPEAT NO, SECURITY AFFORDED OUR AMERICAN AND LOCAL EMPLOYEES DURING WORKING HOURS.  
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